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SUBJECT: (U) KUDOS FOR REPORTING ON THE RETIREMENT OF  
ANIL KAKODKAR (C-WP9-02546)

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(U) THIS CABLE IS SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED - PROTECT  
ACCORDINGLY.

11. (SBU) WASHINGTON ANALYSTS GREATLY APPRECIATED REFTTEL ON  
THE TRANSITION OF PERSONNEL IN INDIA'S NUCLEAR PROGRAM. THE  
BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON S.K. BANERJEE'S DEMEANOR,  
ENGAGEMENT WITH US OFFICIALS, AND HIS ABILITY TO LEAD INDIA'S  
NUCLEAR PROGRAM WAS PARTICULARLY HELPFUL. WE WOULD WELCOME  
ANY FURTHER REPORTING, AS TIME AND RESOURCES PERMIT, ABOUT  
BANERJEE, PARTICULARLY HIS POSITION ON ISSUES SUCH AS  
COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY (CTBT), AND HIS POTENTIAL  
SUCCESSOR AT THE BHABHA ATOMIC RESEARCH CENTER (BARC), R.K.  
SINHA. THANK YOU, AND BEST REGARDS FROM WASHINGTON.  
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